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SUBJECT: BILATERALS WITH FRENCH PRIOR TO OECD AD HOC  
MEETING ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT

REF: (A) PARIS 16114; (B) LUMSDEN/SONCRANT TELCON 5/24

1. CONFIRMING REF B LATE MAY 24, GOF MADE PRELIMINARY  
ORAL RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER  
DE GUIRINGAUD (REF A). WRITTEN RESPONSE WILL FOLLOW.  
FRENCH ARE READY TO HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US  
ON PROPOSED ILLICIT PAYMENTS CONVENTION JUST PRIOR TO  
OECD AD HOC MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN PARIS MAY 31.  
THEY ARE PREPARED TO HOLD THESE DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING  
AT 1500 HOURS, MAY 30, IN AMBASSADOR DELACHARRIERE'S  
OFFICE AT QUAI. FOREIGN OFFICE LEGAL AFFAIRS EXPLAINS  
THAT NEED TO COMPLETE GOF INTERMINISTERIAL COORDINATION  
DURING LIMITED TIME REMAINING PRECLUDES SCHEDULING  
BILATERALS ON MAY 29.

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2. FOREIGN OFFICE REPS OUTLINED FRENCH APPROACH TO  
BILATERALS AS "EXPLORATORY" IN NATURE, AND THEY STRESSED  
THAT "GOF AWAITS NEW US VIEWS WHICH WILL BE A MAJOR  
FACTOR IN DETERMINING OUR ABILITY TO REACH MUTUALLY-  
AGREED POSITIONS." WE REFRAINED FROM ANY SPECULATION  
IN THIS REGARD (SEE REF A, PARA 4).

3. REGARDING MOVES AFTER BILATERALS, FRENCH SAY THEY WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE "WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EXISTING POSITIONS" AND IN CONCERT WITH THEIR EC PARTNERS. TO PERMIT CONVENING OF AN EC COORDINATION MEETING FOLLOWING US/FRENCH BILATERALS, QUAI LEGAL OFFICE SAYS FRENCH OECD DELEGATION WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST DELAY IN OPENING OF AD HOC SESSION UNTIL 1100 HOURS, MAY 31.

4. SOURCES COMMENTED THAT PREVAILING VIEW WITHIN GOF MINISTRIES CONCERNED WAS THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO EXPECT THAT AN OECD CONSENSUS ON THIS COMPLICATED SUBJECT COULD BE REACHED PRIOR TO THE MID-JUNE MINISTERIAL.  
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